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Third Div. Championship: 1978.

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Welsh Cup Winners (22 times):

1878, 1883, 1893, 1897, 1903,

1905, 1909, 1910, 1911, 1914,

1915, 1921, 1924, 1925, 1931,

1957, 1958, 1960, 1972, 1974,

1978, 1986.

E.C.W.C. Quarter-Finals: 1976.

F.A. Cup Quarter-Finals:

1974, 1978.

League Cup Quarter-Finals:

1961, 1978.

Record League Win:

10-1 v. Hartlepool United

Division 4, 3 March 1962.

Most League Goals:

106, Div. 3N, 1932-3.

Highest League Scorer in Season:

T. Bamford, 44, Div. 3N, 1933-4.

Most League Goals in Career:

T. Bamford, 175, 1928-34.



FOUR-UP . . . Wrexham turned on the style against Carlisle United in our last home League match. The all-important opening goal came from Reds midfielder Geoff Hunter who scored with a looping header (top). After a Wes Saunders own goal, Mike Carter got in on the act and our photo (above) shows him celebrating his second-half strike. Robert Alleyne also had cause for celebration when he scored his first goal for the Reds with a strong diving header, and he too enjoyed his moment of glory (below).



Dixie McNeil

It's F.A. Cup time again for us today and I think by the end of the afternoon we will have done enough to put us into the little bag for the draw against the big guns on Monday.

And what a tremendous confidence booster we had last Saturday when we beat top-of-the-table Wolves on their own ground. That result shook many in the football world as I'm sure it did many of our own supporters. Very few gave us any hope against them.

But such is the uncertainty of football in this country that it is results like this that make it such a fascinating game. In my book, it was superb team effort and I am the first to admit that for most of the game we were on the receiving end. Wolves threw everything at us for most of the game, but it speaks volumes of the lads for keeping them out.

If you count the Welsh Cup against Ruthin the previous Tuesday, we have now gone



four games without conceding a goal, surely a good record by anyone's standards. So we go into today's game eager to maintain that record, not with just a goalless draw, but with an emphatic win.

We produced a battling performance at Wolves and I am sure the lads will give their all today to make sure we progress as far as we can in the competition.

At the time of writing, it is almost certain that Leicester will not allow Robert Allevyne to play as they do not want him cup-tied should they need him

in future rounds, but with Bury out of the cup. I am hopeful that they will allow Ian Fairbrother to play.

Thankfully, Jon Bowden came through the games against Ruthin and Wolves with no ill effects after his lay-off through injury and Shaun Cunningham has made a much-quick recovery than was first thought and he will possibly be in action again today, depending on how he made out in training this week. Joe Cooke also made a come-back in the reserves last Saturday, so things are looking a little brighter on the injury front.

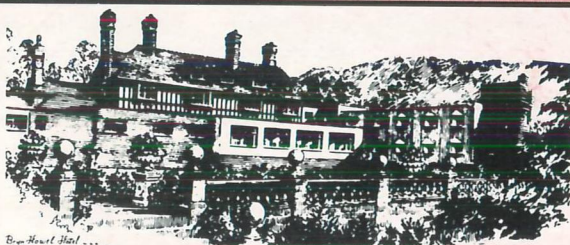
I am also pleased to say that Joey Jones' operation on his eye socket was a success and he is now raring to get back into the action.

So back to today's game, once again I appeal to you loyal fans to get behind the lads with plenty of shouting—but no obscene chants if you don't mind—because that will be a tremendous help to them and if we get through to the next round, we can truly say it was a splendid team by players, management and supporters.

PS: Well done to all the travelling fans at Wolves.

Cover caption: Steve Buxton can only look on as Geoff

Hunter's header flies into the top corner of the net to send the Reds on their way to a comfortable 4-0 victory. (Photo: Les Evans).



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Welcome to ...

BOLTON WANDERERS



Bolton earned this afternoon's visit to the Racecourse Ground by virtue of an impressive 1-0 victory on the ground of their Lancashire rivals Burnley three weeks ago in front of a "derby" crowd of 10,641. A keenly contested game was settled from the penalty spot, with 15 minutes to go, by the Wanderers' prolific leading scorer John Thomas.

Thomas' strike at Turf Moor was his eleventh goal of a campaign which has seen him bear the brunt of Wanderers goalscoring achievements. Second highest scorer is Trevor Morgan with 4 League and Cup goals and then comes "own goals" on 3!

Wanderers made an inconsistent start to the campaign despite the benefits of playing 3 out of their first 4 matches at home, but have performed very solidly in recent weeks to move into the fringe of the promotion race in 7th position. Good home form has been the basis of a promising season so far, with 7 wins, 3 draws and 1 defeat at Burnden Park, the only upset coming against Hartlepool at the end of September

when the north easterners triumphed 2-1 after going behind to an goal from centre-half Mark Came. The Trotters have drawn home games against Crewe (1-1), Swansea (1-1), Preston (0-0 in the Freight Rover Trophy) and last Saturday against Cambridge (2-2). Victories at home have been chalked up over Cardiff (1-0), Peterborough (2-0), Halifax (2-0), Wolves (1-0), Exeter (1-0) and Orient (1-0). But the most impressive display was a 5-0 walloping of hapless Carlisle which was noted for the performance of Nick Brookman whose two goals were his first for the club and Julian Darby who also got on thr scoresheet. The other Wanderers scorers were Steve Elliott and Billy Wright, an own goal.

Away from home, Bolton got off to a good start this season with a 3-2 win at local rivals Wigan in the Littlewoods Cup only for disappointment to strike in the second leg at Burden Park which resulted in a 1-3 defeat. Points have been acquired from half of Wanderers away fixtures in a record which reads 2



Back row (l-r): **Neil Whatmore, Julian Darby, Steve Elliott, Dave Sutton, Dave Felgate, Mark Came, Trevor Morgan, Mark Winstanley**. Centre row: **Peter Nightingale (Physio), John Thomas, Ian Stevens, Chris Banks, Steve Thompson, Paul Booth, Nick Brookman, Dean Crombie, Steve Carroll (Youth Coach)**. Front row: **Peter Bell, Ian Callaghan, Jeff Chandler, Phil Neal (Manager), Derek Scott, Gary Henshaw, Warren Joyce (no longer with club)**.

BOLTON'S FIVE YEAR RECORD

Season	P	W	D	L	F - A	Pts	Pos	Top Scorer	Average Gate	Cups	
										LC	FA
1982-83	42	11	11	20	42-61	44	22	Henry 9		2	3
1983-84	46	18	10	18	56-60	64	10	Caldwell 19	5,892	1	3
1984-85	46	16	6	24	69-75	54	17	Caldwell 18	4,951	3	1
1985-86	46	15	8	23	54-68	53	18	Caldwell 10	4,846	2	1
1986-87	46	10	15	21	46-58	45	21	Caldwell 11	4,851	1	3

wins, 2 draws and 4 defeats. The first victory was by a thumping 3-0 margin at Hereford in early September thanks to two John Thomas goals and a third goal from Trevor Morgan. A month ago, Wanderers chalked up their second away win, 1-0 courtesy of a 29th minute Steve Elliot goal at Newport. Matches have been drawn at Scunthorpe 1-1, where Trotters were leading thanks to Trevor Morgan, and at Rochdale where thanks to two Thomas goals, the second a last minute penalty. Defeats have been sustained at Torquay (1-2 despite Robbie Savage's first goal for the club), Darlington (0-1), Burnley (1-2) and most heavily by 0-4 at rampant Scarborough on August Bank Holiday Monday.

If Wrexham can defeat the Wanderers this afternoon, we can hope that history repeats itself from last season when Bolton's conquerors went on to lift the Cup for the first time and on their first Wembley appearance! Coventry's run to glory began at Highfield Road in the 3rd Round last January when first half goals from Greg Downs, Cyrille Regis and Gary Bennett sunk Bolton, who included Mike Salmon in goals. Prior to this, Wanderers had taken 3 matches to defeat Halifax Town in the First Round, George Oghani hitting the Trotters equaliser in the first match at the Shay, only the replay at Burnden Park. The second replay, at the Shay, saw Bolton triumph by 3-1 through goals from Steve Thompson, Tony Caldwell and Mark Gavin. The Second Round proved a more straightforward passage as Tranmere were overcome 2-0 at Burnden Park, Caldwell and Thompson scoring.

F.A. Cup winners on four occasions, in 1923, 1926, 1929 and 1958, Bolton have a proud pedigree to defend and are sure to provide a stiff obstacle this afternoon.



*The
Boss—
PHIL
NEAL*

When it comes to Cup ties, Bolton manager Phil Neal can certainly tell his players a thing or two. He appeared in countless Cup Finals with Liverpool during his eleven year stint at Anfield and then guided Wanderers to the Wembley Final of the Freight Rover Trophy in 1986.

The former England international took charge at Bolton shortly after the previous F.A. Cup meeting between the two sides in November 1985 but was unable to halt the once great club's slide to relegation.

However, they've made a bright start to the season and Neal will no doubt be hoping that a return to the good times is just around the corner.

FactFile

LAST TIME

**Saturday, 16th November, 1985—F.A. Cup First Round
Wrexham 3 (Keay 12, Hencher 35, Cunningham 87)...**

Bolton Wanderers 1 (Thompson pen 59)

Robins: Keen, Salathiel, Comstive, Jones, Keay, Cunningham, Hencher, Horne, Steel, Charles, Gregory. **Sub:** Edwards.

Bolton: Farnworth, Fitzpatrick, Phillips, Joyce, Came, Scott, Thompson, Oghani, Entwistle (sub: Rudge 72 mins.), Hartford, Bell. **Att:** 2,738.

Shaun Cunningham celebrated his second Flat Young Player award in two seasons with a virtuoso performance as Wrexham dumped Bolton out of the Cup. Indeed, it was Cunningham who settled the issue with a goal three minutes from time when Jim Steel found him in space and he strode 20 yards to poke a well-placed shot over Bolton keeper Simon Farnworth and into the net.

The Reds had taken the lead in just 12 minutes when Jack Keay got a near post touch to Barry Horne's corner, Cunningham headed the ball back and there was Keay to spin round and shoot accurately into corner.

Wrexham were well on top and Steel saw a header hit the post before Hencher made it two after 35 minutes. Gregory sent a precision pass out to Horne on the right and his measured cross was headed home by the agile Hencher. Steve Thompson reduced the arrears with a penalty after Joyce had been unceremoniously dumped on the floor by Steve Charles.

However, Wrexham withstood the intense pressure with non-contract keeper Mike Keen making a fine debut and Cunningham's late strike was no more than they deserved.

BOLTON WANDERERS—Ups and Downs

Timewarp

1874—Founded
1880—Turned Professional
1888—Founder Members of the Football League
1894—F.A. Cup Finalists (Lost to Notts County 1-4)
1899—Relegated to Second Division
1900—Promoted to First Division (Runners-up)
1903—Relegated to Second Division
1904—F.A. Cup Finalists (Lost to Man. City 0-1)
1906—Promoted to First Division (Runners-up)
1908—Relegated to Second Division
1909—Champions of Second Division
1910—Relegated to Second Division
1911—Promoted to First Division (Runners-up)
1923—F.A. Cup Winners (beat West Ham 2-0)
1926—F.A. Cup Winners (beat Man. City 1-0)
1929—F.A. Cup Winners (beat Portsmouth 2-0)
1933—Relegated to Second Division
1935—Promoted to First Division (Runners-up)
1953—F.A. Cup Finalists (lost to Blackpool 3-4)
1958—F.A. Cup Winners (beat Man. Utd. 2-0)
1964—Relegated to Second Division
1971—Relegated to Third Division
1973—Champions of Third Division
1978—Champions of Second Division
1980—Relegated to Second Division
1983—Relegated to Third Division
1987—Relegated to Fourth Division (lost in play-offs)

Summary—
Division One 60 seasons
Division Two 22 seasons
Division Three 6 seasons

Football League: Best season, 3rd, 1891-92, 1920-21, 1924-25.
FL/Milk/Littlewoods Cup: Best season, semi-finalists, 1976-77.

BOLTON'S 10 Year F.A. Cup Record

1986-87	(1)	Halifax	A	1-1	Oghani	3,370
			H	1-1	Caldwell	4,652
			A	3-1	Thompson, Caldwell, Gavin	3,338
	(2)	Tranmere	H	2-0	Caldwell, Thompson	6,193
	(3)	Coventry	A	0-3	—	12,044
1985-86	(1)	Wrexham	A	1-3	Thompson (pen)	2,738
1984-85	(1)	Hull City	A	1-2	Foster	6,424
1983-84	(1)	Tranmere	A	2-2	Joyce, Chandler (p)	5,497
			H	4-1	Chandler (2-1p), Rudge, Caldwell	6,305
	(2)	Mansfield	H	2-0	Foster, Rudge	6,934
	(3)	Sunderland	H	0-3	—	14,018
1982-83	(3)	Arsenal	A	1-2	Whatmore	22,576

TEAM TALK



MARK CAME



JOHN THOMAS

DAVID FELGATE (Goalkeeper)

Born in Blanaeu Ffestiniog in 1960, David joined Bolton from the local Blanaeu team in 1978 but spent his first season on loan at Rochdale. In 1979/80 more loan appearances were made at Rochdale and at Crewe before a move to Lincoln City in the summer of 1980. In five seasons at Sincil Bank, David made over 200 appearances and established himself as understudy to Neville Southall in the international side, making one appearance for Wales when he came on as substitute in the second-half of the 5-0 rout of Rumania here at the Racecourse in October 1983. At the end of 1984/85 David moved to Grimsby, but played 15 matches on loan at Bolton in 1985/86 and rejoined the Trotters on a permanent basis halfway through last season.

DEREK SCOTT (Defender)

A former England schoolboy international, Derek was an apprentice with Burnley, before going on to make 285 appearances between 1974 and June 1985 when a £20,000 fee secured his services for Bolton.

GARY HENSHAW (Defender)

Twenty two years old Gary served an apprenticeship with Grimsby in the early 1980's before going on to play in 50 matches for the Mariners scoring 9 goals. Gary moved on a free transfer to Burnden Park this summer. Hit the club's first goal of the 1987/88 season on the opening day against Crewe.

MARK CAME (Defender)

Mark joined Bolton in April 1984 from Cheshire League Winsford United and quickly became a first choice at centre-half, having now made more than 100 first team appearances. Dangerous from set-pieces, Mark has two goals to his credit this term.

DEAN CROMBIE (Defender)

Like his colleague Gary Henshaw, Dean joined Bolton from Grimsby on a free transfer this summer. After joining his home town club Lincoln from non league Ruston Sports in 1976 Dean made 34 appearances before moving to Grimsby in 1978 where he played 320 games up to the end of 1986/87.

STEVE THOMPSON (Midfield)

Twenty three years old Steve has graduated through the ranks at Burnden Park since joining as an apprentice in 1980. Up to the end of last season Steve had made 159 appearances, scoring 23 goals and has hit a couple of goals this term against Peterborough and Swansea.

JEFF CHANDLER (Midfield)

An experienced midfield player, Jeff began his career as an apprentice with Blackpool where he made 37 appearances between 1976 and 1980 when he moved to Leeds. After 28 games Jeff joined Bolton and made 157 appearances between 1981 and 1985 before moving to Derby. Jeff made 37 appearances in the Rams Third Division winning side in 1985/86 and made 9 appearances last term in the Second Division. A £30,000 fee secured Jeff's return to Burnden Park this summer.

NICKY BROOKMAN (Midfield)

Nineteen years old Nick joined Bolton on the Y.T.S., making his first team debut in April this year in the 2-0 victory over Carlisle. Nick netted his first goals for Bolton in the 5-0 demolition of Carlisle in October when he scored twice.

JULIAN DARBY (Midfield)

Bolton born, twenty years old Julian joined his local club in 1984, breaking into the first-team in 1985/86. Julian now has more than 40 first-team appearances to his credit but had to wait until the visit of Carlisle to Burnden Park in October.

ROBBIE SAVAGE (Midfield)

Liverpool born in 1960 and formerly an apprentice at Anfield, Robbie is returning to the Racecourse Ground where he played so well during his 27 game loan spell for the Reds in 1982/83. In the summer of 1983 Robbie moved to Stoke but after only 7 games for the Potters moved on to Bournemouth where he made 82 appearances between 1983/84 and last December when he signed for Bradford City.

TREVOR MORGAN (Forward)

Thirty one years old Trevor was a late starter in League soccer, joining Bournemouth from Vauxhall-Opel League Leytonstone Ilford in 1980. Trevor played 88 times for the Cherries and had a 12-game spell at Mansfield in 1981/82 before embarking on a West Country tour in 1983 which took in 51 appearances at Bristol City in two separate spells, 55 at Bristol Rovers and 30 at Exeter. Phil Neal paid £20,000 to take Trevor to Bolton in the summer.

JOHN THOMAS (Forward)

Twenty nine years old John began his career at Everton making his League debut on loan at Tranmere in 1978/79. Another loan spell followed at Halifax in 1979/80 before he moved to Bolton in 1980 and made 22 appearances in two years. But John was allowed to leave in the summer of 1982 to join Chester where he made a sensational impact, hitting 20 goals in 44 matches in 1982/83. Successful spells followed at Lincoln 1983 to 1985 and at Preston where he hit 17 goals in 1985/86 and 23 goals in North End's promotion push last season. A £30,000 fee took John back to Wanderers in the summer.

STEVE ELLIOTT (Forward)

Formerly an apprentice at Nottingham Forest, Steve played 4 times for Brian Clough's side in 1978/79 before moving that season to Preston. Steve hit 70 goals for the Deepdale club in 208 games up to 1984 when he moved for a brief spell to Luton and from there to Walsall where he scored 21 goals in 69 games. Steve cost £25,000 when he moved to Bolton in the summer of 1986.

SHOWCASE

Well we obviously made the competition far too easy in the last issue for nobody who entered got it wrong! The first correct entry picked out of the hat was Mr. K. Valentine of 16, School Road, Rhos, Wrexham who identified the following players: Back row (left to right): Peter Thompson, Albert Parker, Fred Davies, Billy Waters, Tom McNab, Allan Fox. Front row (left to right): Gren

Jones, Johny Anderson, Aly McGowan, Alvin Williams and Ron Hewitt.

He wins two tickets for the home match against Rochdale next Saturday.

Today's team photo comes from the sixties and that's the only clue we're going to give you. Once again the first prize is two tickets for a forthcoming home League match, so why don't you have a go. Send your entries to Caption Competition, c/o Wrexham F.C., The Racecourse Ground, Mold Road, Wrexham. The closing date is the 19th December, 1987 and the winner will be announced in the Hereford programme the following week.





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SIDELINES

Although sponsorship is now an everyday fact of life in the sporting world, it wasn't without some regret that I learnt that the Football Association had agreed in principle to a £12 million three-year deal with Fosters, the Australian Lager. While there can be no doubting the benefits that can result from sponsorship, there is something that just doesn't seem right about the F.A. Cup being used as a marketing device for some product or other. The Football Association has now laid themselves open to wider criticism, with the public realisation that the authorities were prepared to put a price on tradition, following their talks with Courage, the brewers responsible for the distribution of Fosters.

The purists will undoubtedly cringe at the thought of sport taking second place to the market force. Only Wimbledon and The Open of the major domestic events remain who have yet to give in to the temptation to cash-in on their name. Although it would be all too easy to condemn such action as the unnecessary selling of sports birthright, or to pretend that sport had no part to play in the world of marketing, one fact is unavoidable, sponsorship is sports biggest industry. It is a high-profile business with an annual turnover which has increased from £50 million in 1981 to £160 million this year. In 1986 there were more than 1,750 companies who were involved in significant financial backing of sport.

Until now Fosters involvement in British sport has been very low key, but with £12 million devoted to marketing here this year, they have very enviable financial resources. It may seem that £4

million a year is an unrealistic price to have their name associated with just one competition, no matter how evocative. Obviously there are fears as to what Fosters will want in return. But F.A. officials have already said that they will stop short of changing either the cups name, or the cup itself. Lets hope so.

In view of the current state of the Football League's Centenary Celebrations, I wonder just how much faith we can put in such officials? Looking back at their £250,000 investment, Mercantile Credit must be wondering just what has gone wrong. Well if they were to go up to Merseyside, then I think a few well chosen words from some disgruntled Evertonians would certainly put them in the picture. The Mercantile Credit challenge between Bayern Munich and Everton was to have been one of the seasons highlights. Instead, the yawning gaps on the terraces and in the stands offered the latest indisputable evidence of the chaotic state of the League's Centenary celebrations. The game played in almost total silence, served to show how financial greed has become one of the paramount considerations. Having worked hard to find a replacement for Rangers, the League then ordered Everton to double their admission prices for the fixture. They refused, but still put them up by a third. In reply, the Everton public voted with their feet.

The League it would appear, have forgotten that the celebrations were not—or should not—have been designed as a money-making exercise. In following into such a familiar trap, they have clearly shown

that their priorities are as misplaced and ill-advised as the list of events they have produced.

It is no wonder that Mercantile are not too happy with proceedings to date, and in particular the way in which Ken Bates and the organising committee have handled affairs. Of even greater concern to them is that Mr. Bates has already delivered his best shots, the nation has been totally unimpressed, and it is still only December in this everlasting party. Having totally denied all knowledge and responsibility for the vetting of the Goodison admission charges, Mercantile would be well within their rights to demand just who, if not the chairman of the organising committee was responsible for looking after their interests and more importantly their cash.

Colin Gibson writing in The Daily Telegraph, is in no doubt: "Mr. Bates, whose only obvious contribution so far would seem to be the donation of the ice cream from his firm for the mediocre opening dinner in August, seems to have lost his sense of priority".

Finally, this Wednesday could well see the end of our era when Oxford play Cambridge in the 103rd University soccer match. For the past 84 years the fixture has graced Wembley Stadium, but this could be the final one.

Over the past few years attendances have dropped to about 6-7,000, many of them being excited schoolboys visiting the stadium for the first time and possibly their first big match. But teachers disputes and the emphasis on sport within school, have regrettably led to a decline in its popularity.

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AROUND

Welcome

This afternoon we greet Bolton Wanderers back to the Racecourse for the second F.A. Cup meeting between the two sides in three seasons. That game was a first round game played on 16th November 1985, scoring for Wrexham were Shaun Cunnington, Nicky Hencher and Jack Keay, while Steve Thompson replied with a penalty. Yet of the men who turned out in Reds shirts that day, only Cunnington and Hencher remain with the club and because of injuries neither of them will be available for selection.

So it's a totally new look Wrexham who take on a Bolton side who have had problems themselves. Last season's relegation saw the Trotters slip into the Fourth Division for the first time, but manager Phil Neal has risen to the challenge of reviving the 'good old days', with this team sitting only three points behind a promotion place.

Hopefully the crowd here this afternoon will exceed last times 2,700 with again a large contingent of travelling fans coming to urge on their favourites. We hope everyone enjoys today's game and will be back for more in to two weeks, when we make the return trip to Burnden Park for a league game, replays permitting.



Quite Right

If anymore conformation was needed about just how good our victory at Wolves was, then it came with the announcement that England international manager Bobby Robson had awarded the "Barclays Performance of the Week" to the Reds.

While to an outsider it may have been a shock to Wrexham fans it was more evidence about the resurgence of the team. For it was a great team performance. All eleven players working for the good of the side and it was such spirit that has helped previous Wrexham teams to such memorable results in the past.

Reds manager Dixie McNeil was delighted at the news: "This was a very important win for us, both for the three points and the way in which they were achieved. But for the result to be acknowledged nationally has given everyone a big lift. Now we have to do our best to build on this base and start moving up the League."

With the award comes a cash prize of £650, which will be passed on to a local boys club of Wrexham's choice.

Gwelliant mawr

Â yw'r gornel wedi ei throï tybed, lle bod llwyddiant tîm pêl-droed Wrecsam dan slyw? Fe dybiwn i ei fod e gan ystyried canlyniadau'r tîm yn ystod y gemau diweddar.

Y tro dwythfa i Mike Salmon godi'r bêl o'r rhwyd oedd yn erbyn Tranmere—a hynny bron i fis yn ôl! Ers hynny mae'r Cochion wedi sgorio unarddeg o weithiau heb ildio yr un. Yn gyntaf fe ddaeth y fuddugoliaeth a wnaeth y gêm p'nawn yma'n, bosib sef curo Rochdale o ddwy gôl i ddim yn rownd gynta Cwpan Lloegr. Trechwyd Carlisle yn hawdd ofnadwy o bedair gôl i ddim ac yna Rhuthun o dair gôl i ddim yng Nghwpan Cymru. Ond y fuddugoliaeth â'n synodd i oedd yr un wythnos diwethaf pan drechwyd Wolves, a hwy ar frig yr adran.

Mae'n debyg erbyn hyn fod pawb yn dipyn hapusach nag oedden rhai diwrnodau'n ôl pan werthwyd Jim Steel i Tranmere. Roedd gofyn ar y pryd am 'beniau' nifer fawr o bobl sy'n gysylltiedig â rhedeg y clwb yma. Rhaid i mi gyfaddef i mi gael fy synnu pan glywais i'r newyddion, ond dwi ddim am ddadlau a'r golïau sydd wedi ei sgorio ers iddo fynd. Naw gôl mewn tair gêm, pwy o ddifrif calon a fyddai'n medru dadlau a hynny? Pwy gawn ni yn y rownd nesaf tybed?

THE TOWN

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With all eyes today being turned to the F.A. Cup in search of some shock results, we highlight a couple of Welsh Cup victories which deserve greater recognition.

Just up the hill, Brymbo Steelworks proved too strong for NPL Rhyl and were convincing 2-1 winners.

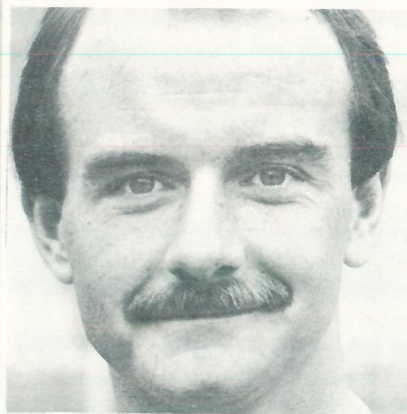
Hereford must dread the name of Kidderminster, as the Harriers disposed of them yet again, this time with a great 3-0 win at Edgar Street.

But the top result of the round must be that recorded by Welsh Leaguers Haverfordwest, who trounced last seasons runners-up Newport County 4-2 at Somerton Park. It's no wonder that County fans dread being paired with non-League opposition.

Children in Need

Eight days ago a small number of Reds fans went along to Prenton Park to watch Jim Steel's home debut for the Rovers and he certainly had a good start by scoring in the fourth minute.

But what most supporters commented on was Tranmere's very praiseworthy gesture of donating 10p to the BBC Children in Need Appeal for each person who went through the turnstiles. This



Old Boys

We don't have to look very far for news of ex-Reds today, for in the Bolton squad are two former Wrexham players.

Robbie Savage joined Wanderers only a few months back in a £35,000 deal from Bradford City. Wrexham had hoped to bring him back to North Wales but the money was not available to secure the signature of a player who was the Reds player of the year in 1982/3, while on loan from Liverpool. Probably the first time such a feat has happened! Robbie's class shone out in the third division and Stoke City were not slow in capturing him at the end of that year. It was a great disappointment to the Racecourse faithful that such a player should slip through our fingers.

Also at Burnden Park is Nicky Brookman, a reserve player with us who Bolton took on as a YTS trainee and has made several first team appearances.

They face two ex-Trotters now with us, Mike Salmon and Mike Carter (pictured above) will therefore have an even greater incentive to do well today.

meant a cheque for £325 will be sent to the BBC. Pity such good deeds do not receive greater attention from the press, when it seems every booking signals the end of football as we know it, to the sportswriters of Fleet Street.

On the Mend

Good to see at least one of our long term casualties starting on the road to match fitness. Joe Cooke had a run out with the Reserves in their home game with Llay Welfare and lasted the full 90 minutes. So it won't be much longer before he is chasing a place in the first team, although he will have a tough time following the fine form of Mike Williams and Joe Hinnigan. Yet that is the type of team selection problems Dixie McNeil will be looking forward to, rather than the normal search for 13 fit players.

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QUICK QUIZ

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1. Which player was transferred from Anderlecht to Inter Milan, in May, 1987, for £2.3 million?
2. Who resigned as Chester's Coach, and Acting Manager in January, 1984?
3. Who scored Liverpool's first League goal this season?
4. In which year were the World Cup Winners decided on a group basis, with no final?
5. The record gate for a European Cup Final is 127,621 for the 1960 Final. Name the ground which staged that match.
6. Aston Villa were the first winners of the Football League Cup. Who were the second winners of that trophy?
7. For which overseas club did Tranmere Rovers defender Gary Williams play between his two spells at Prenton Park?
8. Which famous footballer was nicknamed "The Galloping Major"?
9. Who was the only West Ham Utd. player in Bobby Robson's original squad to play for the Football League v. Rest of the World in August 1987?
10. Which current First Division side had to apply for re-election to the Football League in 1925/26?
11. Who scored Derby's goals in their 2-0 televised win over Chelsea recently?
12. For which fellow Second Division club did Hull City's Frank Bunn sign for this week in an £80,000 deal?

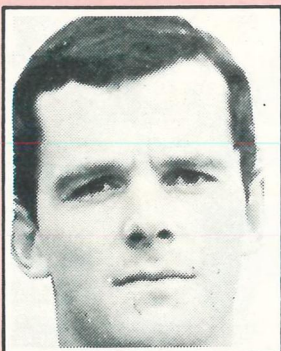
HUNTER, Reg J. Born at Colwyn Bay in October 1938, Reg left the local Grammar School to sign directly for Manchester United after successful trials. He became a regular outside-left in the Central League team at the time of the Munich Disaster and heard of the crash while serving his National Service with the Army. He made one first team appearance before Wrexham came in for his services and got their man in exchange for a £3,000 fee in January, 1960. Unfortunately he could not help the slide Wrexham were experiencing and saw us drop into the Fourth Division for the first time. Two years after coming to the Racecourse Reg was allowed to leave for Bangor City, yet it was at Farrar Road that he played in those epic ECWC games against Napoli, when City took the Italian's to a replay. Further stops were made at Colwyn Bay and Borough United before he hung up his boots. Now a keen golfer, Reg is still a big Wrexham fan and returned to the area as a company secretary of wine merchants S.K. Williams.

Wrexham League Record:

Season	Apps.	Goals
1959-60	16	2
1960-61	13	0
1961-62	5	1
	34	3

HUSBANDS, Ted. Played in two Welsh Cup Finals for Wrexham in 1909 and 1910, being on the winning side each time, both against Chester. He was a very competent goalkeeper and later moved to South Wales in the summer of 1910. Ted appeared for Cardiff City in the first competitive game at Ninian Park on 1st September 1910 in a Southern League match against Aston Villa. He also took part in the 1912 Cup Final against Pontypridd and again was on the winning side, 3-0 this time. Next stop was the newly formed Newport County club in August 1912 and was the keeper for County in their first ever game, against Mid-Rhondda, on September 7th of that year in another Southern League match.

INGLE, Steve Paul. On leaving school Steve joined local side Bradford City as an apprentice. 90 appearances were made in the league before he left for Southend in 1967. He was one of a number of United players who moved from Essex to Wrexham, after the



REG HUNTER

appointment of Alvan Williams as manager at the Racecourse in the summer of 1967. Steve's transfer was completed for £2,000 and was money well spent as he played his part in the revival of the club, which led to promotion from the Fourth Division in 1970. In 1972 he made the short trip to Stockport County, staying only one season, before even shorter stays with Southport and Darlington.

Wrexham League Record:

Season	Apps.	Goals
1967-68	29(1)	0
1968-69	31	2
1969-70	39(1)	2
1970-71	31	1
1971-72	15(2)	0
	145(4)	5

ISLIP, Ernest. After starting his career with Sheffield junior side Douglas FC, then moved up to the professional game as an inside-left with Second Division Huddersfield in 1911. After a distinguished stay at Leeds Road, which included an F.A. Cup winners medal from 1922 and a runners-up medal in 1926, he joined Birmingham City in October 1923. Another four seasons were spent in the First Division before Ernie spent one more year with Bradford City in 1927/8. Wrexham brought him back from a spell with non-League Ashton National in November 1928 and he stayed until the following summer.

Wrexham League Record:

Season	Apps.	Goals
1928-29	15	1

JACKSON, David. Identical twin brother of Peter and son of then Wrexham manager Peter Jackson. Although born in Stoke, he was a member of the Wrexham Schools side which reached the semi-final of the English Schools Cup. Played in the Reds first team at the age of 17 as an amateur, but did not make any further appearances and in 1957 followed his father to Bradford City.

Wrexham League Record:

Season	Apps.	Goals
1954-55	7	1

1. Enzo Scifo.
2. Trevor Storton.
3. John Aldridge (v. Arsenal).
4. 1950 (won by Uruguay).
5. Hampden Park (Reel Madrid 7 ... Eintracht Frankfurt 3).
6. Norwich City.
7. [Jurgen Sweden].
8. Ferenc Puskas.
9. Liam Brady.
10. Charlton Athletic.
11. Steve Cross and John Gregory.
12. Oldham Athletic.

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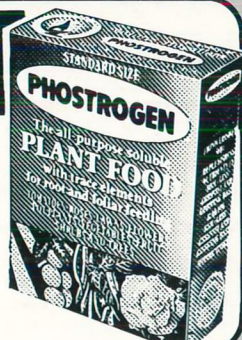
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(Above): It's almost poetry in motion as Reds midfielder **Ian Fairbrother** takes on the massed ranks of the Ruthin defence during the recent Welsh Cup tie. (Right): **Robert Allyn** times his run to perfection to meet **Steve Buxton's** excellent cross, putting Wrexham into an early lead at Molyneux.



(Below): Reds striker **Kevin Russell** sends in a cracking volley to put Wrexham two-up at Wolves and earn the **Barclay's Team Performance of the week** award.

(Photos: L. Evans & D. Roberts).



PROFILE

MIKE CARTER

Today's opponents provide the clue to the latest in our series of profile features, as we look at Mike Carter, who in recent weeks has provided Wrexham fans with a taste of his skills, having come back successfully from a series of setbacks through injury. Mike is first to admit that his time here since his summer move has been up and down.

"The move gave me a great chance to resurrect my career but just as I was settling in, I was chopped from behind to put my ankle out of action." That incident in the Burnley match was one of many on the night and Dixie McNeil said afterwards: "That was a bad foul by Paul Comstive—and a blow for us as Mike had settled in well on the right."

Strange though it seems, but when Mike re-emerged to stake his first team place, he appeared on the left side of midfield. "Yes that's probably due to the fact that I replaced Paul Emson and the left was his natural side" reflected Mike. Either on right or left, Mike doesn't really mind, but as a natural right footer, his close control has dazzled many an opposing defence so far this term.

It was looking pretty gloomy again though just two weeks ago when again he was chopped down from behind, this time in the Welsh Cup tie with Ruthin Town, and as Mike explains, there were some anxious hours after the game. "All I recall is the lad coming in from behind and turning to show his studs which completely went through my shin pads. Only for those it seems, I could have cracked the bone, but I'll tell you it hurt enough anyway!"

The injury was later confirmed as less serious than first thought, but as George Showell piggy-backed Mike off the pitch, many Wrexham fans thought it was the start of another long lay-off.

The following Saturday Mike was in the victorious eleven man line-up which won the Robins the Barclays Team of the Week award—what a turnaround for both Wrexham and Mike Carter.

Born in Warrington on 18th April, 1960, Mike began his footballing life as an out-and-out forward in his early days, playing mainly in the Runcorn area, regularly competing for honours close to the hotbed of Liverpool School Soccer. "We never did anything special but we had a fair side in those days and many went on to League soccer."

One of those was of course Mike who was spotted by two First Division scouts, one of them from Bolton Wanderers then a First Division club. Bolton had just achieved promotion and in a bid to strengthen the squad, signed Mike on apprentice terms like another four at the time.

During that year Mike was content to develop his trade with the knowledge that the likes of Peter Reid, Neil McNab, Alan Gowling and Willie Morgan were the regular first teamers. "Bolton were certainly buzzing in those days" says Mike, "to such an extent that we were disappointed with an 18,000 crowd!"

Ironically, Mike's League bow was not to come at Bolton but at Mansfield, whom he was loaned out to; then a Third Division side. Mainly due to the fact that he was assured first team football and that he was in the shop window as far as ability were concerned, Mike spent four successful months at Field Mill, but elected to stay at Bolton, where the winds of change were blowing.

After establishing themselves during the '78-79 season, Bolton found the going increasingly tough and drafted youngsters into the side in an attempt to stave off relegation.

"I remember my debut for Wanderers was as a substitute at home to Bristol City. We were desperate for a win, having only won once all season, and that was in December!"

The win was a long way off, and Bolton struggled, winning only 4 more games en route to Division Two. Mike was handed the No. 9 shirt and his experience in Division One has certainly taught him a few lessons. There have also been the good times, and his first goal came at home to Everton, "the only thing I remember about that is that we drew" recalls Mike.

It was during the following season however, that Mike was to encounter injury for the first time. This season was also the first that Bolton had encountered Wrexham—in Division Two. "Yes I was clogged a bit after October, and I only made just over 10 appearances that season. The following season was much the same though I then had to fight to regain my place, but it was not to be."

Mike was loaned to Swindon Town and whilst there I was spotted by then Plymouth manager Bobby Moncur. So after just 5 games for Swindon, Mike was on his way to Plymouth.

"That was not a good idea" recalls Mike "as I didn't settle and made only 6 full appearances for them". The next club to show an interest were Hereford and this was to be Mike's saviour after years of uncertainty. Another loan spell ended in a permanent transfer in 1983 and down to cider country moved Mike. After a year in the cold, Mike maintained a regular first team place and featured highly in John Newman's promotion plans which until recently seemed likely.

Mike enjoyed his lengthiest spell at Edgar Street and was sad at leaving. "It was obvious that John had to change things and when Dixie came in for me I jumped at it, and it was near to where I was born so it was full circle."

Full circle indeed for Mike as he now lives in the North West once more.

So I asked Mike what difference it had made moving to a club like Wrexham. "Well, it's a bit different from Hereford, as the club seems to have more ambition. If we get a good Cup run then hopefully it will rub off on League games."

Did he feel that with Jim Steel leaving we would suffer. "It's hard to say, but we played well against Carlisle, and all on the floor—but in time we will need a target man to vary the play." Interesting views from a midfielder who certainly showed his paces against Carlisle.

Mike reserves his last line for his favourite activity outside football—"anything to do with World War II" he told me. If that means that he loves a battle then Wrexham have found a winner, but I detect a certain sarcasm, suffice to say that it may have something to do with a nickname given to him by his team-mates—I'll say no more!

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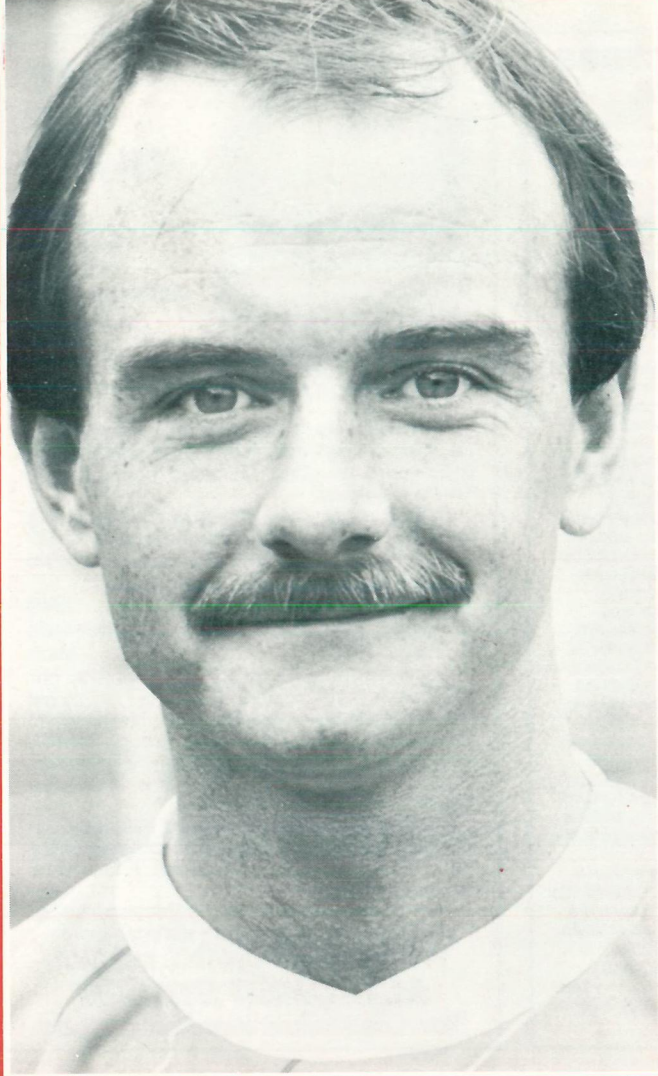


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CAREER STATS

Name: Mike Carter.

Birthplace: Warrington.

Birthdate: April 18th, 1960.

Height: 5ft. 9ins.

Weight: 10st. 7lbs.

Date signed for Wrexham:
July, 1987.

Previous Clubs: Bolton Wand.,
Mansfield (loan), Swindon (loan),
Plymouth Argyle, Hereford Utd.

Wrexham debut: v. Torquay Utd.
15.8.87 (A). Scored in 1-6 defeat.

League debut: v. Carlisle Utd. (A)
for Mansfield Town, 10.2.80.

First League Goal: 12.3.80 v.
Plymouth for Mansfield (won 5-0).

Career League Record:

		Lge.	Gls.
1978-79	Bolton	—	—
1978-79	Mansfield (L) .	18	4
1979-80	Bolton	22	5
1980-81	Bolton	14	2
1981-82	Bolton	13	1
1981-82	Swindon (L) ...	5	—
1982-83	Plymouth	12	1
1982-83	Hereford (L) ..	10	—
1983-84	Hereford	—	—
1984-85	Hereford	28	—
1985-86	Hereford	31	9
1986-87	Hereford	28	3
1987-88	Wrexham	6	2

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COLLECTORS CORNER

Without doubt the best designed programme in the First Division had to be that of London Giants **Tottenham Hotspur**. Whilst the cover is slightly bland, the interior is well thought-out with a quite superb use of colour. The contest is varied with good coverage of the reserves, a nice selection of historical items and excellent detailed articles

on the opposition, something sadly lacking in the vast majority of the top flight programmes. The detailed pen-pictures and team photographs are supplemented by a Visitors Diary, which is a detailed look at the visitors on a day-to-day basis over recent months, and Opposing View which, for the match against Chelsea, is an interesting interview with Mike Hazard the ex-Spurs player. Just five of the 32 pages are devoted to adverts and the programme represents good value at 80p.

Down in the Third Division, **Chesterfield** fans have been spoilt with good programmes for a number of years, both in terms of design and content. However, the resignation of editor Phil Tooley has led to a dramatic decline in standards. The front cover design is appalling and the layout is at best amateurish. Thankfully, the content had held up better with good coverage of the visitors and a general article entitled Saltergate Scene, which has an interesting break-down of the home gate for the match against Notts County—the attendance of 3,466 included 1,277 Notts County supporters in the visitors enclosure and a further 222 visitors in Cross Street Wing Stand. At 50p for 24 pages, it's one of the poorer offerings in the Third Division.

Third Division rivals **Doncaster Rovers** have a well-presented issue which falls down to due to it's lack of any substantial reading matter. There is a predominance of statistical and historical articles, the best being "On This Day" in which Tom Beardsley reflects on both football and world events on a specific day, in this instance, 31 years ago. Overall, a disappointing programme at 50p for 24 pages.



MY TOP THREE

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KEVIN RUSSELL
provides this
weeks
musical
insight

"I suppose you'd describe my musical taste as varied" explained Kevin this week as he attempted to place his mind firmly on his favourite music.

"I take after Joey Jones in that I'm a big 'soul' fan but his stuff is a bit before my time!" he added. Kevin narrowed his top three down to the following.

- 1 Food for Thought UB40
- 2 Hangin' on a String Loose Ends
- 3 Back in Stride Maze

My taste is quite mixed but definitely not any heavy stuff" retorts Kevin as I try to pin him down on his favourite band. He plumped for his first song from that group—UB40, however they are a long way from his first ever record bought—"Yes, a distance—that was My Ding-a-Ling by Chuck Berry."

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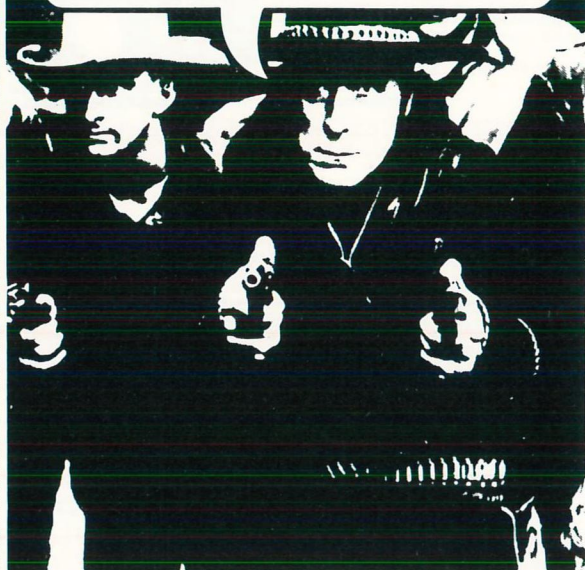
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Swindon, adept at defending in numbers, were aided in the first half by Wrexham lofting in high crosses which were easily dealt with by the visiting defenders.

Graham Whittle came nearest to scoring when his 20 yards blockbuster was tipped over by 'keeper Jimmy Allan but towards the interval Wrexham lost their grip and Ray McHale went close with a snap shot.

Wrexham took the lead on the hour when Les Cartwright's cross fell to Gareth Davis who hammered in a 25 yard drive. Jimmy Allan failed to hold the ball and John Lyons ran on to the rebound, rounded the prostrate goalkeeper and fired home.

The second goal came nine minutes later after a misunderstanding between the referee and a linesman. The referee signalled a corner for Wrexham but the linesman indicated a goal-kick.

After consultation, the final decision was a dropped ball near goal and from it Bobby Shinton squared the ball. Graham Whittle mis-kicked his first attempt but showed lightning reaction when he turned smartly and smacked the ball home.

The contest was over and Wrexham now relaxed, played some sparkling football in the wet conditions. Swindon won no new friends with their harsh tackling, having Chris Kamara and Ray McHale booked. Indeed, a more stringent referee would have given McHale his marching orders for stamping on the grounded Mike Thomas—off the ball.

Wrexham: D. Davies, M. Evans, A. Dwyer, G. Davis, J. Roberts, M. Thomas, B. Shinton, M. Sutton, J. Lyons, G. Whittle, L. Cartwright. Sub: S. Lee (not used).

Ref: J. Hunting (Leicester)

Attendance: 10,015.



TWENTY YEARS AGO

9th December 1967 Bradford City FAC 2 (A)

1-7

Following on our 1-3 defeat at the Valley Parade only three weeks earlier, Wrexham ventured into Yorkshire again with more than a little trepidation. Which as the above scoreline proved was well founded. Quite simply, on a snow bound pitch the Reds were buried below an avalanche of Bradford goals.

Over 1,000 Wrexham fans braved the winter conditions to be present and they were given an early reward. When after only eight minutes the Welsh swept upfield and a Tony Beanland cross from the touchline was missed by goalkeeper Reilly, allowing Don Weston to head home the chance.

Yet most of the action was centred at the other end, where wearing the keepers shirt for the first time was Dennis Reeves and he was called on to make an excellent diving save when a Jim McAnerney shot looked a goal all he way. Not long after he stopped another drive but Bradford were level in the 18th minute, when Bruce Bannister judged perfectly a cross to head in the equaliser.

Mickey Evans was unlucky to see his headed effort pass the wrong side of a City post in the 25th minute. Within 100 seconds Bradford made the breakthrough with two more goals, both headers. Any faint hopes we had of saving the match vanished in the 54th minute when the right side of defence failed to stop a City raid that saw Aimson shooting his sides fourth.

Reeves produced another fine stop moments later but could not nothing to prevent the inevitable. Barry Swallow (71), John (73) and Bannister (66) completed the rout as Bradford were by now in total command. **Wrexham:** Livsey, S. Ingle, S. Stacey, T. Bradbury, G. Turner, D. Powell, T. Beanland, D. Weston, R. Smith, A. Kinsey, A. Griffiths.

Ref: A. Pallister (Peterlee)

Attendance: 8,208



THIRTY YEARS AGO

7th December 1957 Newport County (Friendly) (A)

3-2

With both clubs having been knocked out of the F.A. Cup in the first round, (Wrexham 0-1 at home to Accrington) a friendly was arranged at Somerton Park. In the County side was Welsh international Alf Sherwood, who was named as centre-half for the first time in his career.

Newport immediately launched a strong attack and Jimmy Rodger shot just past the post. John McSeveney kept up the pressure and Billy Waters was brought to full stretch by another shot. County were playing the better football but the visiting Tommy Bannan engineered some dangerous movements.

After 14 minutes Newport took the lead. McSeveney dashed down the left wing and sent in a low centre for Harris. He played the ball into Cecil Dixon who in turn volleyed past Waters.

Within 11 minutes Wrexham got a shock equaliser through Bannan. David Jones sent Fred Davis away and from his pass Bannan swept the ball into the net.

The Ironsides returned to the attack and from a Gordon Brown corner Harry Harris jumped high above the Reds defence to restore County's lead. Yet straight from the attack Bannan forced his way through the still celebrating home players to equalise again.

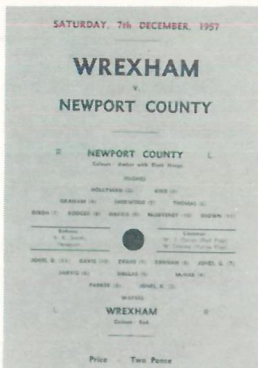
Inspired by right-half Tommy McNab, Wrexham's forward line were not having a greater share of the play. This increased pressure brought its rewards when in the 74th minute Bernard Evans scored what proved to be the winner.

The only shock result in the 2nd Round occurred at Edgar Street, where Hereford United destroyed Queens's Park Rangers by a score of 6-1.

Wrexham: B. Waters, K. Jones, A. McGowan, W. Dallas, B. Jardine, G. Jones, T. Bannan, B. Evans, F. Davies, D. Jones.

Ref: R. E. Smith (Newport)

Attendance: Unknown





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The Reserves were hit badly by injuries and 'flu prior to the Welsh National League Cup tie at Llay Welfare. This meant a return to action for coach Idris Pryce who donned his boots again at the ripe old age of 46! Not to be left out was his assistant Brian Prandles who spent the game on the substitutes bench.

In view of this, the team turned in an excellent 8-0 victory. The first goal came from Darren Stanton who rifled home a shot from 35 yards after a corner had been cleared. That was all that separated the teams at half-time but Tony Lee made sure of the game with a typically opportunist goal, turning the centre-half and hitting a first time shot past the keeper. Mark Jones rounded off the scoring shortly before the final whistle.

Last Saturday saw the two sides meet again in a Premier Division match at the Racecourse but this time Llay managed to turn the tables and record a 1-0 victory. The result was particularly disappointing when you consider that victory would have put Wrexham six points clear at the top of the table.

The turning point of the game came in the 35th minute when Joe Cooke, back in action after a three month lay-off made a bad back pass. Llay's Phil Scott seized on the error and took full advantage by playing the ball wide of Red's keeper Mark Morris and into the far corner of the net.

Apart from that error, Cooke had a good game and coach Idris Pryce was pleased with the centre-half's display.

"It's always tough to return to action after being out so long but Joe lasted the pace quite well. However, it will be a couple of weeks before he's back to full fitness."

Nicky Hencher also had a run-out he's struggling to find his form at the moment having had the season badly disrupted by injury. Still, Nick's nothing if not a trier and I'm sure that given time he too can return to Football League action."

Making his debut for the Reserves was 17-year-old David Bloor who has joined us from Lex. David played in the Youth Cup ties against West Brom and impressed watching manager Dixie McNeil. he's now been signed on non-contract forms and will be looking to establish himself in the reserve side.

One player who's been catching the eye of late in the second eleven has been full-back Mark Wrench. He followed Cliff Sear from Chester and has turned in a number of excellent displays in recent weeks. He's a tough-tackling no-nonsense player and Idris Pryce believes that: "If he (Mark) can continue his current rate of progress, then there's every chance he'll soon be knocking on the first team door."

STATISTICS

TIB Welsh National League Match Diary

Llay Welfare 0 Wrexham Res 3

Scorers: Stanton, Lee, Jones.

Team: Morris, Dodd, Wrench, Pugh, Stanton, Taylor, Barton, Jones, Lee, Watkins, Pryce. Sub: Prandles.

Wrexham Res 0 Llay Welfare 1

Team: Morris, Dodd, Wrench, Smart, Cooke, Stanton, Barton, Watkins, Bloor, Jones, Hencher. Sub: Rawlings.

WNL Premier Division Fixtures 87-88

Date	v Opponents	Res
Aug.	15 H Chirk A.A.A.	0-1
"	18 A Penycae	4-1
"	21 A Ruthin Town	5-1
"	25 H Rhosyllen Villa	6-1
"	29 A Mold Alexandra	1-3
Sept.	2 H Overton	4-0
"	5 A Brymbo S.W.	0-1
"	12 A Buckley	3-1
"	19 H Mold Alexandra	2-4
"	26 A St. Andrews (Cup)	3-1
Oct.	3 A Llay Welfare	2-1
"	10 H Rhos Aelwyd	2-3
"	17 A Gresford Ath.	4-0
"	24 H Buckley	3-1
"	31 H Llanguollen (Cup)	8-0
Nov.	7 H Cefn Albion	2-1
"	14 H Grassford Ath.	3-0
"	21 A Llay Wel. (WNL C.) ..	3-0
"	28 H Llay Wel.	0-1

The Young Ones



Name: Mark Jones.

Position: Midfield.

Height: 5ft. 8in.

Weight: 11 st 13lb.

Birthplace:

Birth Date:

STATISTICS:

Date signed for Wrexham: 1985.

Debut for Wrexham: 1985.

Schools and Representative Honours:

Played for District sides,
N.E.W.F.A. Youth Cup Winners medal '87.

ACTION

Saturday, 21st November, 1987

Barclays League Division Four

WREXHAM 4 . . . CARLISLE UNITED 0

The ever decreasing number of Wrexham fans who turned up at the Racecourse came not knowing how the team would cope after the departure of Jim Steel. Many were angry, others disappointed, but none were ready for the display of total football the Reds were to serve up and so send home those hardy soles in a far happier mood.

One supporter likened it to the situation at Liverpool following the sale of Ian Rush, alright on a different level, but the principal is the same. Now the target man has gone, we have had to search for alternatives and as this performance proved there are plenty around.

The opening exchanges were even, but once Geoff Hunter had risen to head home Mike Carter's inch perfect cross, Wrexham moved into top gear. Carlisle did little to help their cause by picking up bookings and this led to Gary Fullbrook being sent off in the first minute after the break for a second booking, when he felled Steve Buxton, as the forward had a clear run at goal.

Fullbrook's sacrifice proved to be a wasted gesture, as following good work by Darren Wright and Buxton, Robbie Alleyne pulled the ball back into the goalmouth where Wes Saunders turned it into his own net for the second after 61 minutes. Carter increased the lead when he ran onto a Kevin Russell pass and after sprinting 30 yards smashed the ball past Martin Taylor, much to the wingers obvious pleasure.

Three minutes later Alleyne got his reward by scoring his first senior goal with a header provided by the unselfish Buxton. A couple of other chances were missed as the Reds ran rampant to record their best win of the season.

Wrexham: Salmon, Preece, Wright, Hinnigan, Williams, Fairbrother, Buxton, Hunter (Scott 78), Alleyne, Russell, Carter. (Sub: Slater).

Carlisle United: Taylor, McNeil, Fullbrook, Gorman (Robertson 89), Wright, Saunders, Robinson, Cooke, Poskett, Houston (Hardback 71), Hetherington.

Star Man: Mike Carter.

Referee: V.G. Callow (Solihull).

Attendance: 1,485.

Tuesday, 24th November, 1987

Welsh Cup 3rd Round

WREXHAM 3 . . . RUTHIN TOWN 0

After last seasons big bore against Brymbo Steelworks, Ruthin Town did themselves and the Welsh National League proud by coming to the Racecourse and giving the home side a run for their money.

Wrexham were never in any serious trouble, but Ruthin urged on by a large following, were always looking for a

way through the Reds defence. Mike Salmon only had to deal with a few crosses, but this was largely due to some fine work in front of him by Mike Williams and Joe Hinnigan.

Steve Buxton provided the first goal when he headed home after 25 minutes, to give Wrexham a slender half-time lead.

Steve Scott came on at the interval to replace Mike Carter and in doing so at last made his home debut. Scotty filled in at right back allowing Roger Preece to move further up the wing and bring more pressure to bear on the visitors.

The ever improving Darren Wright provided the second for Kevin Russell, after breaking down the left in the first minute of the second-half.

Our other young substitute, Jamie Slater, came on in the 70th minute and with almost his first touch struck the third with a shot from the edge of the area.

While it is important to qualify for the next round, entertaining the crowd plays a big part of football and to this end Ruthin will long be remembered at the Racecourse.

Wrexham: Salmon, Preece, Wright, Hinnigan, Williams, Fairbrother, Buxton (Slater 70), Bowden, Alleyne, Russell, Carter (Scott 45).

Ruthin Town: Evans, R. Davies, Griffiths, Lloyd, G. Hughes, I. Williams, W. Davies, I. Hughes, G. Williams, Dowell. (Subs: Mateshok 88, G. Davies 63).

Star Man: Mike Williams.

Referee: B. Smallwood (Buckley).

Attendance: 1,243.



Steve Buxton brushes aside the challenge of the Ruthin defender to open the scoring against the Welsh National League side.
(Photo: Les Evans).

REPLAY



Loan signing Ian Fairbrother has a wry smile on his face as everybody manages to miss another dangerous Mike Carter cross against Ruthin. (Photo: Les Evans).

Saturday, 28th November, 1987
Barclays League Division Four
WOLVES 0 . . . WREXHAM 2

If everyone was honest, then who really gave the Reds much of a chance of gaining three points at Molineux? Not

that many. Yet against a Wolves team undefeated in their last eleven games and in rampant mood, Wrexham produced a performance of great determination.

It is not hard to see why the Wolves are riding high at the top of the Division, but against a Reds side with new purpose, the men in gold and black must have felt it was like running into a brick wall. For while the home side attacked continuously, they could find no way through.

Mike Williams and Joe Hinnigan were again outstanding at the heart of matters, while words can hardly do just to Mike Salmon's performance. If Wolves did break down the back four, Salmon was there to save the day.

Yet when Wrexham did move upfield they did so with good effect. Darren Baker swept down the left to Steve Buxton who accelerated towards the byeline. His cross found Rob Alleyne at the far post and he fired home from six yards.

Wolves tried even harder in the second-half, but with little more luck than before and when Wrexham did push forward they threatened to catch out an overstretched home defence. It was on one of these fast breaking raids by Russell and Buxton, that a corner was forced. Goalkeeper Mark Kendall completely missed the cross and Russell took full advantage of the mistake to rifle in the second goal.

Wrexham: Salmon, Preece, Wright, Hinnigan, Williams, Fairbrother, Buxton, Bowden, Alleyne, Russell, Carter. (Subs: Slater, Scott).

Wolves: Kendall, Stoutt, Thompson, Streets (Clarke 86), Robertson, Robinson, Dennison (Holmes 61), Vaughan, Bull, Mutch, Gallagher.

Star Man: Mike Salmon.

Referee: D.S.C. Vickers (Essex).

Attendance: 8,541.



The look on Wolves' keeper Mark Kendall's face says it all as Kevin Russell (10) and Steve Buxton (7) race to congratulate goalscorer Robert Alleyne whose 20th minute effort gave Wrexham the lead at Molineux last Saturday. (Photo: Dave Roberts).

NEWS ON FOUR

I must admit to having been rather disappointed with Halifax so far this season. Not, you understand, with the way they have been performing on the field, but with the lack of news coming from The Shay. Time was, that if ever I was short of a story (yes, even I occasionally lack inspiration). I could always turn to Halifax. And didn't you just know it. Well I thought it had been a bit too quiet over there in Yorkshire, but I'm happy to report that in true West Riding fashion they are about to another of their famous crisis'. Languishing in the lower reaches of the division—that doesn't sound too good. They are actually above us!—the Tory and Labour members of Calderdale Council have decided that they don't want football on the rates any longer. And as the vast majority of the locals couldn't care less what happened to Town. I think they have rather a strong case. With attendances falling to less than 1,500, interest is as low as ever. It does seem rather unfair that the majority should have to support a blatant minority and if Halifax cannot stand on their own two feet, well that's too bad.

One thing they shouldn't have to worry about though is going out of the League by finishing last, not on the evidence of Newport's showing at Tranmere last Friday. They were soundly beaten 4-0, and by all accounts got off rather lightly. A much lamented Scotsman was on target for Rovers. Midfielder Adrian Mann who arrived at Somerton Park as a free from Northampton, was left wondering what he'd done to deserve such a fate.

Rochdale moved four points clear of the bottom, when they drew 1-1 at home to Scarborough. 'Dale were much the better side, going ahead through Ronnie Coyle, but missed a number of straightforward changes before allowing Simon Lowe to snatch a point for the visitors, who is on loan from Colchester.

Another side to have improved since we last met them are Carlisle, who have gone on to beat Blackpool in the Freight Rover, and managed a draw with high flying Torquay. All of which must have given new boss Clive Middleman some degree of encouragement. Middleman, who vacated the assistant's post at Bristol City, has already instilled new spirit into the Cumbrians, who were unlucky not to

pick up maximum points in an entertaining encounter with the Gulls. It should be very interesting to see how Torquay fare in today's encounter with Bristol City, especially having sampled cup glory this season against Spurs.

Peterborough were given a boost when their administrators backed Noel Cantwell's request not to sell Mick Goadings, top scorer on 14, to Southend for £50,000. But they shall need to be on their guard today as they face an in-form Sutton United, who came from behind to beat Lincoln 4-1. Still, Posh's 5-0 trouncing of a spineless Burnley last week won't have done their confidence any harm at all. Goadings was again on target, this time netting a pair.

Scunthorpe will doubtless take to the field with a certain amount of trepidation against Sunderland, today, for they must be fully aware that a repeat performance of the one they turned in against Swansea could result in a cricket score. Allan was again on target for the Swans in their 2-1 victory, but it was nothing to write home about. One thing's for certain and that is that they'll have to improve significantly for their tie at Brisbane Road.

Orient moved to within a point of the lead, and took their goals tally to 47, following their 3-0 demolition of Hereford at Edgar Street. It wasn't that the home side were particularly bad, it was just that they were consistently overwhelmed by a very impressive looking outfit. Andy Sussex has made a significant impact since returning to the O's ranks, and I quite fancy them to have a good run in the Cup again this year.

The same cannot be said of Cambridge, who despite earning a point at Bolton last week, have become very erratic of late. Thomas scored twice for Wanderers, once from the spot. Today the U's are up against Yeovil, who have now appeared in the second round more times than another other non-League side, and it be a tie that they are looking forward to.

Stockport are another side who cannot be looking forward to their encounter as they take on Runcorn at Canal Street, and we all know who they put out in the last round. But Stockport have been bolstered by the recent signing of a sprightly lad named Frank Worthington, whom I predict will be around in a good number of years to come.

“Power, wealth and the Italian League”

Aside from the ethnics of what Robert Maxwell is doing at present, he is very much of an exception in the Football League. Immensely rich, of that there is no doubt, as are one or two other fellows, though on a lower scale. The great difference however is in his undeniable, almost boyish enthusiasm for the club. The same was equally true of Elton John, but they are the exceptions, not the rule. When this is considered, along with the type of businessman running our clubs, it is then possible to start explaining just how the vast financial gap between our League and say the Italian League has come about.

In Italy, football is a sport of conspicuous consumption. In the last year their transfer record has been broken three times, and that does not include the £3.3 million sale of Ian Rush. It would appear that they have a bottomless pit of financial resources at their disposal. It is a world not frequented by your average businessman, merchant or developer, but by some of the richest men in the country.

The Agnelli family who own Fiat also have a passion for football. In Britain, vast wealth and football are it seems, incompatible. In Italy they go hand in hand. And Mr. Agnelli is not just a figurehead, he takes interest in the minutest of details of his club Juventus and watches every game. The influence he wields is without parallel. When Juventus were in the process of signing Bonieck, the Polish international, they came up against the usual Eastern Block red tape, with a delay of months in prospect, Fiat though have a factory in Poland. One phone call from Agnelli and everything is settled immediately.

Football is a passion shared by some of the most prominent figures in Italian life. Bottino Craxi, the former Prime Minister was a regular at Torino's matches, not because of he was after votes, but because he was a genuine fan. Firenze are backed by the Count Portello, while A.C. Milan's wealth is based on a T.V. station proprietor Silvio Berlusconi. That cash has been used to shatter the world transfer record by paying P.S.V. Eindhoven £5.5 million for Dutch international Ruud Gullit. For Berlusconi, owning a football club was the natural next up the Italian ladder. He was responsible for a £10 million deal to cover League matches on television, and a further £8 million for the coverage of Italian club sides in Europe. Compare that with the £3 million that the English teams will receive for the televising of 17 'live' matches, and the reason for the Italian's great financial strength becomes apparent.

They have no ground maintenance costs because the stadium are owned by the local council's, which releases much of their income for the purchase of the world's most glittering stars. That in turn brings the crowds pouring through the turnstiles. A.C. Milan's return on their investment in Gullit and Marco van Basten—a snip at £3 million—has been a record sale of 61,000 season tickets. At an average of about £1,000 a ticket. A.C. Milan have been able to recoup their outlay on Gullit inside one season.

The commercial need that you have to speculate to accumulate was never more true than in Italian football. But it is the scale on which they do it that really sets them apart.

Saturday Forecast

● After what can only be described as a brilliant display of goalkeeping last week at Wolves, **Mike Salmon**, another former Wanderers player, selects the results he thinks we'll see at a quarter-to-five today.

In our last issue Joey Jones was very close to predicting the scores after getting two of the results correct, so can Mike improve on that today, although granted F.A. Cup matches are a little harder to predict than League encounters.

Northwich Vics. 1 . . . Blackpool 3

"This one should surprise a few people for starters. I've gone on form really and even though Victoria have home advantage, Blackpool should be able to notch a victory. They have spent thousands rebuilding the side during the last few months and when you look at this and compare Northwich's season, there should be a greater difference than a 3-1 score."

Wigan 2 Wolverhampton Wand. 1

"I think we proved a point or two on Saturday. If you can stifle Wolves' two forwards then they will struggle and this we did effectively. In the Cup this will be a cracker, with Wolves having the test of Third Division opponents. I'll take Wolves to score first but Wigan have a great Cup tradition and should fight back to take the match 2-1."

Runcorn 2 Stockport County 0

"The County lads will not like me for this but I honestly think they'll have a hell of a match at Runcorn. I know that the Wrexham fans became Runcorn supporters overnight when they beat Chester in the last round and they certainly got a good reward, a home tie with a League club.

In saying they'll get beaten, County have as good a record away as they do at Edgeley Park so perhaps I'm being a little unfair."

Scunthorpe United 1 Sunderland 3

"It would take a bold man to bet against Sunderland this year, brimming with confidence on top of Division Three. It's a change for them playing in Rounds One and Two, but the challenge of Scunthorpe will be an awesome task. United have shown consistency to take them close to the top of Division Four. I thought we were very unlucky there a few weeks ago and could have won that night, but since that result, Scunthorpe have crept up the table to mount a serious challenge. Sunderland are quite used to being in Round Three and whilst Scunthorpe have every chance, the Roker army will be there to see another victory."

MATCH BY MATCH '87-88

• Substitute ★ Star man § Player sent off x Booked player D Debut
Injured or withdrawn Home games in BOLD CAPS Scorers in Bold letters

1987	Opponents	Result	Pos.	Attend.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	Substitute
Aug. 15	Torquay United	1-6	24	1,731	Salathiel	Salathiel	Hinnigan D	Williams	Cooke x [§]	Jones D	Carter x [§] D	Hunter D	Steel	Russell D	Cunnington	Butson x [§] (60), Preece
Aug. 18	BURNLEY (LCC 1-1st leg)	1-0	—	2,301	Salmon	Preece x [§]	Jones	Williams	Cooke	Bowden D	Carter	Hunter [§]	Steel	Russell 1	Cunnington	Butson x [§] (66), Hinnigan
Aug. 22	BARTLEPOOL UNITED	2-1	15	1,816	Salmon	Preece x [§]	Jones x [§]	Williams x [§]	Cooke	Bowden	Carter	Hunter	Steel 2	Russell x [§]	Cunnington	Butson x [§] (61), Hinnigan x [§] (45)
Aug. 25	Burnley (LCC 1-2nd leg)	0-3	—	3,738	Salmon	Preece x [§]	Jones	Hinnigan x [§]	Cooke	Bowden	Carter	Hunter	Steel	Russell	Cunnington	Butson x [§] (22), Wright
Aug. 29	Crew Alexandra	0-2	21	2,210	Salmon	Wright	Jones x	Hinnigan x [§]	Cooke	Bowden	Preece x [§]	Butson	Steel	Russell	Cunnington x	Williams, Hunter
Aug. 31	BALFAS TOWN	2-2	20	1,661	Salmon	Williams	Jones x	Hinnigan	Cooke	Bowden	Butson x [§]	Preece	Steel 1 [§]	Russell	Cunnington 1	Hunter x [§] (74), Wright x [§] (86)
Sept. 5	Exeter City	1-1	20	2,719	Salmon	Salathiel	Jones x	Hinnigan	Williams	Harvey x [§] D	Butson 1	Hunter 1	Steel	Russell 1	Cunnington	Hunter, Wright x [§] (42)
Sept. 12	CARDIFF CITY	3-0	16	2,212	Salmon	Salathiel x	Jones	Hinnigan	Williams	Harvey x [§]	Butson x	Hunter	Steel	Russell x	Cunnington	Wright, Scott
Sept. 15	Burnley	0-1	17	5,652	Salmon	Salathiel	Jones	Bowden	Williams x	Harvey	Butson	Hunter	Steel	Russell x	Cunnington	Preece x [§] (75), Hinnigan
Sept. 19	Peterborough United	0-1	20	2,805	Salmon	Salathiel	Jones	Bowden	Williams	Harvey	Butson	Hunter	Steel	Russell x	Cunnington	Preece x [§] (73), Wright
Sept. 26	STOCKPORT COUNTY	2-1	16	1,841	Salmon	Salathiel x	Jones	Hinnigan	Williams	Harvey	Butson 1 pen	Hunter	Steel 1	Russell x	Cunnington	Hunter x [§] (80), Preece x [§] (85)
Sept. 29	Cambridge United	2-0	13	2,257	Salmon	Salathiel x	Jones	Hinnigan	Williams	Harvey	Butson 1 pen	Hunter	Steel x	Russell	Cunnington	Wright x [§] (86), Slater x [§] (38) x D
Oct. 3	LEYTON ORIENT	2-2	13	3,741	Salmon	Salathiel	Jones	Hinnigan	Williams	Harvey	Butson 1 pen	Hunter	Steel 1 x	Russell	Cunnington	Carter x [§] (26), Hender x [§] (79)
Oct. 10	Swansea City	1-2	16	3,102	Salmon	Salathiel [§]	Jones	Hinnigan	Williams	Harvey	Butson 1 pen	Hunter	Steel	Russell	Cunnington	Hender x [§] (45), Watson
Oct. 13	Cardiff City (FRT Q)	2-3	—	1,102	Salmon	Preece	Jones	Hinnigan	Williams	Harvey	Butson 1 pen	Hunter	Steel	Russell	Cunnington	Hender x [§] (56), Wright x [§] (78)
Oct. 17	COLCHESTER UNITED	0-1	17	1,493	Salmon x	Preece	Jones	Hinnigan	Williams	Harvey	Butson 1 pen	Hunter	Steel	Russell	Cunnington	Hender x [§] (65), Slater
Oct. 20	DARLINGTON	0-2	18	1,278	Salmon x	Wright	Jones	Hinnigan	Williams	Harvey	Butson 1 pen	Hunter	Steel	Russell	Cunnington	Enson x [§] (74), Slater
Oct. 24	Newport County	0-1	20	1,470	Salmon	Preece x	Jones	Hinnigan	Williams	Harvey	Butson 1 pen	Hunter	Steel	Russell	Cunnington	Wright x [§] (46), Slater
Oct. 27	WALSLEY (FRT Q)	0-2	—	1,039	Salmon	Preece x	Jones	Hinnigan	Williams	Harvey	Butson 1 pen	Hunter	Steel	Russell	Cunnington	Allyne x [§] (60), Slater
Oct. 31	SCARBOROUGH	2-2	—	1,860	Salmon	Preece x	Jones 1	Hinnigan	Williams	Harvey	Butson 1 pen	Hunter	Steel	Russell	Cunnington	Slater x [§] (77), Scott
Nov. 3	Scunthorpe United	1-0	19	2,340	Salmon	Preece	Wright	Hinnigan	Williams	Harvey	Butson 1 pen	Hunter	Steel	Russell	Cunnington	Slater x [§] (81), Scott x [§] (80) D
Nov. 6	Tranmere Rovers	1-3	20	3,271	Salmon	Preece	Wright	Hinnigan	Williams	Harvey	Butson 1 pen	Hunter	Steel	Russell	Cunnington	Slater x [§] (34), Scott x [§] (26)
Nov. 14	Rochdale (FAC 1)	2-0	—	1,831	Salmon	Preece	Wright	Hinnigan	Williams	Harvey	Butson 1 pen	Hunter	Steel	Russell	Cunnington	Slater, Scott x [§] (78), OG 1
Nov. 21	CARLISLE UNITED	4-0	—	1,485	Salmon	Preece	Wright	Hinnigan	Williams	Harvey	Butson 1 pen	Hunter	Steel	Russell	Cunnington	Slater x [§] (70) 1, Scott x [§] (45)
Nov. 24	ROTHAM TOWN (WC 3)	3-0	—	1,243	Salmon	Preece	Wright	Hinnigan	Williams	Harvey	Butson 1 pen	Hunter	Steel	Russell	Cunnington	Slater, Scott
Nov. 28	Wolverhampton Wanderers	2-0	18	8,541	Salmon x	Preece	Wright	Hinnigan	Williams	Harvey	Butson 1 pen	Hunter	Steel	Russell	Cunnington	Slater, Scott
Dec. 5	BOLTON WANDERERS (FAC 2)	2-0	—	8,541	Salmon x	Preece	Wright	Hinnigan	Williams	Harvey	Butson 1 pen	Hunter	Steel	Russell	Cunnington	Slater, Scott
Dec. 12	ROCHDALE	2-0	—	8,541	Salmon x	Preece	Wright	Hinnigan	Williams	Harvey	Butson 1 pen	Hunter	Steel	Russell	Cunnington	Slater, Scott
Dec. 19	Bolton Wanderers	2-0	—	8,541	Salmon x	Preece	Wright	Hinnigan	Williams	Harvey	Butson 1 pen	Hunter	Steel	Russell	Cunnington	Slater, Scott
Dec. 26	Stockport County	2-0	—	8,541	Salmon x	Preece	Wright	Hinnigan	Williams	Harvey	Butson 1 pen	Hunter	Steel	Russell	Cunnington	Slater, Scott
Dec. 28	HEREFORD UNITED	2-0	—	8,541	Salmon x	Preece	Wright	Hinnigan	Williams	Harvey	Butson 1 pen	Hunter	Steel	Russell	Cunnington	Slater, Scott
1988																
Jan. 1	CREWE ALEXANDRA	1-0	—	8,541	Salmon x	Preece	Wright	Hinnigan	Williams	Harvey	Butson 1 pen	Hunter	Steel	Russell	Cunnington	Slater, Scott
Jan. 2	Cardiff City	2-0	—	8,541	Salmon x	Preece	Wright	Hinnigan	Williams	Harvey	Butson 1 pen	Hunter	Steel	Russell	Cunnington	Slater, Scott
Jan. 9	Hartlepool United (FAC 3)	2-0	—	8,541	Salmon x	Preece	Wright	Hinnigan	Williams	Harvey	Butson 1 pen	Hunter	Steel	Russell	Cunnington	Slater, Scott
Jan. 16	PETERBOROUGH UNITED	2-0	—	8,541	Salmon x	Preece	Wright	Hinnigan	Williams	Harvey	Butson 1 pen	Hunter	Steel	Russell	Cunnington	Slater, Scott
Jan. 23	BURNLEY	2-0	—	8,541	Salmon x	Preece	Wright	Hinnigan	Williams	Harvey	Butson 1 pen	Hunter	Steel	Russell	Cunnington	Slater, Scott
Jan. 30	Halifax Town (FAC 4)	2-0	—	8,541	Salmon x	Preece	Wright	Hinnigan	Williams	Harvey	Butson 1 pen	Hunter	Steel	Russell	Cunnington	Slater, Scott
Feb. 6	EXETER CITY	2-0	—	8,541	Salmon x	Preece	Wright	Hinnigan	Williams	Harvey	Butson 1 pen	Hunter	Steel	Russell	Cunnington	Slater, Scott
Feb. 13	Hereford United	2-0	—	8,541	Salmon x	Preece	Wright	Hinnigan	Williams	Harvey	Butson 1 pen	Hunter	Steel	Russell	Cunnington	Slater, Scott
Feb. 20	TORQUAY UNITED (FAC 5)	2-0	—	8,541	Salmon x	Preece	Wright	Hinnigan	Williams	Harvey	Butson 1 pen	Hunter	Steel	Russell	Cunnington	Slater, Scott
Feb. 27	Leyton Orient	2-0	—	8,541	Salmon x	Preece	Wright	Hinnigan	Williams	Harvey	Butson 1 pen	Hunter	Steel	Russell	Cunnington	Slater, Scott
Mar. 1	CAMBRIDGE UNITED	2-0	—	8,541	Salmon x	Preece	Wright	Hinnigan	Williams	Harvey	Butson 1 pen	Hunter	Steel	Russell	Cunnington	Slater, Scott
Mar. 5	Colechester United	2-0	—	8,541	Salmon x	Preece	Wright	Hinnigan	Williams	Harvey	Butson 1 pen	Hunter	Steel	Russell	Cunnington	Slater, Scott
Mar. 12	SWANSEA CITY (FAC 6)	2-0	—	8,541	Salmon x	Preece	Wright	Hinnigan	Williams	Harvey	Butson 1 pen	Hunter	Steel	Russell	Cunnington	Slater, Scott
Mar. 19	Scarbrough	2-0	—	8,541	Salmon x	Preece	Wright	Hinnigan	Williams	Harvey	Butson 1 pen	Hunter	Steel	Russell	Cunnington	Slater, Scott
Mar. 26	NEWPORT COUNTY	2-0	—	8,541	Salmon x	Preece	Wright	Hinnigan	Williams	Harvey	Butson 1 pen	Hunter	Steel	Russell	Cunnington	Slater, Scott
Apr. 2	TRANMERE ROVERS	2-0	—	8,541	Salmon x	Preece	Wright	Hinnigan	Williams	Harvey	Butson 1 pen	Hunter	Steel	Russell	Cunnington	Slater, Scott
Apr. 4	Cardisle United	2-0	—	8,541	Salmon x	Preece	Wright	Hinnigan	Williams	Harvey	Butson 1 pen	Hunter	Steel	Russell	Cunnington	Slater, Scott
Apr. 9	SCUNTHORPE UNITED (FAC SF)	2-0	—	8,541	Salmon x	Preece	Wright	Hinnigan	Williams	Harvey	Butson 1 pen	Hunter	Steel	Russell	Cunnington	Slater, Scott
Apr. 23	Darlington	2-0	—	8,541	Salmon x	Preece	Wright	Hinnigan	Williams	Harvey	Butson 1 pen	Hunter	Steel	Russell	Cunnington	Slater, Scott
Apr. 30	WOLVESHAMPTON WANDERERS	2-0	—	8,541	Salmon x	Preece	Wright	Hinnigan	Williams	Harvey	Butson 1 pen	Hunter	Steel	Russell	Cunnington	Slater, Scott
May. 2	Rochdale	2-0	—	8,541	Salmon x	Preece	Wright	Hinnigan	Williams	Harvey	Butson 1 pen	Hunter	Steel	Russell	Cunnington	Slater, Scott
May. 7	BOLTON WANDERERS	2-0	—	8,541	Salmon x	Preece	Wright	Hinnigan	Williams	Harvey	Butson 1 pen	Hunter	Steel	Russell	Cunnington	Slater, Scott
May. 14	FA Cup Final	2-0	—	8,541	Salmon x	Preece	Wright	Hinnigan	Williams	Harvey	Butson 1 pen	Hunter	Steel	Russell	Cunnington	Slater, Scott

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	P	Home			Goals			Away			Goals		
		W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A		
1. Wolverhampton W.	20	6	1	3	20	9	5	3	2	15	11	37	
2. Leyton Orient	20	7	0	2	31	12	3	6	2	16	15	36	
3. Cardiff City	20	7	3	1	19	11	3	2	4	9	12	35	
4. Torquay United	20	6	1	3	18	8	4	3	3	13	12	34	
5. Colchester United	20	4	1	4	10	6	3	2	17	10	34		
6. Scarborough	20	6	4	0	20	7	3	2	5	9	14	33	
7. Bolton Wanderers	19	7	3	1	18	6	2	4	9	12	32		
8. Scunthorpe United	20	6	3	2	17	9	2	4	3	16	18	31	
9. Hartlepool United	20	5	3	2	16	13	3	3	4	11	11	30	
10. Burnley	20	5	3	2	11	11	4	0	6	10	19	30	
11. Swansea City	20	5	1	4	17	14	4	1	5	12	14	29	
12. Crewe Alexandra	20	4	5	0	16	8	2	5	4	14	18	28	
13. Cambridge United	20	3	2	4	14	10	5	2	4	11	12	28	
14. Peterborough United ...	19	6	2	3	18	10	2	2	4	5	11	28	
15. Darlington	19	3	3	3	9	11	4	2	4	21	19	26	
16. Exeter City	18	4	3	2	15	8	3	1	5	13	15	25	
17. Halifax Town	20	6	2	3	19	13	1	3	5	7	14	25	
18. Wrexham	20	5	2	2	16	8	2	1	8	7	19	24	
19. Hereford United	20	2	4	5	8	15	4	1	4	7	9	23	
20. Stockport County	20	3	1	7	9	14	3	2	4	9	12	21	
21. Carlisle United	20	5	2	3	24	17	1	1	8	9	28	21	
22. Tranmere Rovers	19	4	0	5	14	8	2	2	6	7	16	18	
23. Rochdale	20	1	4	5	13	20	2	2	6	6	26	15	
24. Newport County	20	2	1	5	8	9	1	1	10	8	33	11	

Robins Rollcall

Season	League Games	League Goals	Cup Games	Cup Goals	Total Games	Total Goals
1986-87						
Robert Alleyne	5(1)	2	2	0	7(1)	2
Jon Bowden	9	0	3	0	12	0
Steve Buxton	16(2)	4	2(2)	2	18(4)	6
Mike Carter	5(1)	2	5	1	10(1)	3
Joe Cooke	4	0	2	0	6	0
Shaun Cunningham	15	1	4	2	19	3
Paul Ermon	6(1)	1	3	0	9(1)	1
Ian Fairbrother	6	0	2	0	8	0
Jimmy Harvey	6	0	0	0	6	0
Nicky Hencher	0(3)	0	0(1)	0	(4)	0
Joe Hinningan	17(1)	0	5	0	22(1)	0
Geoff Hunter	15(2)	2	5	0	20(2)	2
Joey Jones	15	0	4	1	19	1
Steve Massey	0	0	0	0	0	0
Roger Preece	14(4)	1	6	0	20(4)	1
Kevin Russell	13	2	4	2	17	4
Neil Salathiel	9	0	0	0	9	0
Mike Salmon	20	0	6	0	26	0
Steve Scott	0(3)	0	0(1)	0	0(4)	0
Jamie Slater	0(3)	0	1(2)	1	1(5)	1
Jim Steel	18	6	5	0	23	6
Mike Williams	19	1	4	0	23	1
Darren Wright	8(4)	0	3(1)	1	11(5)	1

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STEVE BUXTON	7
JON BOWDEN	8
SHAUN CUNNINGTON	9
KEVIN RUSSELL	10
MIKE CARTER	11
	12
	13

BOLTON WANDERERS

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ROBBIE SAVAGE
MARK CAME
DAVE SUTTON
NICK BROOKMAN
STEVE THOMPSON
JOHN THOMAS
STEVE ELLIOTT
JULIAN DARBY
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